

(iii) M/s. Casino has to ensure that its employees and resort guests and visitors comply with the environmental guidelines prescribed from time to time.

(iv) M/s. Casino has to provide 30 per cent of employment to the local people in the employment avenues available in resort and at any time the employment of the local people shall not be less than 28 persons.

(v) In case M/s. Casino opt to continue the lease arrangement after the expiry of the period of the existing lease deed they may apply for the renewal of lease suggesting their terms and conditions at least 6 months before the expiry of the existing lease.

(c) The period of lease is for 5 years from the first day of Septemebr 1988 to 31st day of August, 1993.

(d) Leasing of Bangaram Tourist Resort has resulted in Valuable foreign exchange earanings, direct employment to 28 locals, indirect employment to those who are engaged in the supply of materials and operating boats from Agatti and economic development of people of Agatti to some extent.

(e) Does not arise.

Ecology Destruction in Lakshadweep

4251. SHRI P.M. SAYEED: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that certain items of ecological importance like Corals etc. are being taken out of the lagoons of Bangaram island of Lakshadweep by tourists;

(b) whether removing of items of ecological importance is banned in Lakshadweep; and

(c) if so, the action taken or proposed to be taken for this systemetic destruction of natural beauty and look of natural sea wealth?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI KAMAL NATH): (a) No instance of complaint about removal of corals etc. or of other items of ecological importance by touriss at Bangaram Island has been reported.

(b) Removal of items such as corals by tourists and other which would damge the marine eco-system, has been totally banned in the Lakshadweep.

(c) The gazette notification issued by the Ministry to conserve coastal areas of the country, interalia bans the use of corals and sand from the beaches for construction and other purposes. The dredging and under-water blasting in and around the coral formations will also not be permitted. All development along the coastal stretch will have to be in accordance with the stipulations of the said notification.

The Lakshadweep Administration has acquird boats for environmental protection and environmental wardens have been appointed, who patrol the lagoons when tourists are around to ensure that they do not remove corals and other objects from the beaches and logoons which may ultimately have a detrimental effect on the marine ecosystem.

Functioning of R.P. Centre for Ophthalmic Sciences, New Delhi

4252. SHRI MADAN LAL KHURANA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether attention of the Government has been drawn to the news-item captioned "Patients turned back as machines rot" appearing in the "Hindustan times", dated April 4, 1991; and

(b) if so, the facts thereof and the action proposed to be taken by the Government in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI D.K. THARA DEVI SIDDHARTHA): (a) and (b). Yes, sir. It has been reported by the All India Institute of Medical Sciences, New Delhi, that some of the machines, viz., ERG&VER, Argon and Krypton Laser, Ultra Sound and specular Microscope had gone out of order. However, these machines have since either been replaced by new ones or got repaired by the Institute. Every effort is made to maintain the services in a satisfactory manner.

[Translation]

Irregularities in Medical Store Depot

4253. SHRI SANTOSH KUMAR GANGWAR: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether attention of Government has been drawn to the news-item "Kuch Dava Companyan Pee Rahti Hai Khas Meharbani" appearing in the 'Jansatta', dated October 25, 1991;

(b) if so, the facts thereof; and

(c) the steps taken or proposed to be taken by the Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI D.K. THARA DEVI SIDDHARTHA): (a) Yes, sir.

(b) and (c). the points in the news item were found to be incorrect and a rejoinder/denial has been sent to the Chief Editor of Jansatta on 13.11.1991.

Selection of Pilots in Air India

4254. SHRI VILAS MUTTEMWAR: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether attention of the Government has been drawn to the newsitem "Air India: Pilot Chayan Mein Pakshapat" appearing in "Navbharat Times" dated September 11, 1991;

(b) if so, the facts thereof and reaction of the government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Applications for recruitment of trainee pilots/com-pilots in Air India are invited through advertisement on all India basis. Vayudoot and IGRUA are also requested to forward applications of these desirous to join Air India. The candidates are required to appear for a written test. On successful completion of the written test, Candidates are interviewed by a panel and selection is made purely on merit.

[English]

Boards of Management of Indian Airlines/Air India

4255. SHRI SANAT KUMAR MANDAL: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have any proposal to re-constitute the Boards of Management of the Indian Airlines and the Air India;